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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON ENMOD CONVENTION

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1. EXTAFF DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT SLYFIELD ADVISED THAT GOC HAS JUST STARTED REVIEW OF THE CONVENTION. CANADIANS, LIKE MOST OTHER CCD MEMBERS EXCEPT US AND USSR, ARE SOMEWHAT HAMPERED IN APPROACHING TOPIC BY LACK OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE. HE SUGGESTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES MIGHT WELL ASK FOR MORE EXPERT PRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE AT THE CCD SPRING SESSION SO THAT THEY WILL KNOW MORE PRECISELY WHAT IT IS THAT THEY ARE BEING ASKED TO PROHIBIT.

2. GOC SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR WHAT THE WORDS USED IN ARTICLE 1 OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION IMPLY. GOC CURIOUS ABOUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENMOD CONVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLAUSES RESULTING FROM DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW AND ARMED CONFLICT. GOC WONDERS ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE GIVEN THE VETO POWER IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES. FINALLY, GOC HAS SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROVISION FOR PEACEFUL USES OF ENMOD.

3. FOREGOING ARE QUESTIONS GOC WILL BE EXPLORING IN ITS REVIEW. WHILE REVIEW NOT FAR ENOUGH ALONG TO WARRANT CONSULTATIONS, GOC WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KNOW US VIEWS ON COMMENTS PUT FORWARD BY SWEDES AND AUSTRALIANS. SLYFIELD DID NOT FORESEE AN ACTIVE ROLE FOR CANADA AT THE SPRING SESSION. HE CONCLUDED THAT, DESPITE ITS HAZINESS ON SOME DETAILS, CANADA DOES SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVE OF HAVING SUCH A CONVENTION. JOHNSON

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